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Minister Accountability Statement

The *Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation 2017/18 - 2019/20 Service Plan* was prepared under my direction in accordance with the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*. I am accountable for the basis on which the plan has been prepared.

Honourable Scott Fraser
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
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Purpose of the Ministry

The Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation leads the Province of British Columbia (B.C.) in efforts towards true, lasting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples[1] in B.C. A key component of reconciliation involves enhancing relationships and respecting how communities choose to define themselves.

The Ministry works towards reconciliation with First Nations, Métis and Inuit people in B.C. through treaties, agreements, partnerships and other reconciliation initiatives. The Ministry's work includes understanding and championing the opportunities and identified needs of First Nations and Indigenous peoples.

The Ministry is also responsible for the First Peoples' Cultural Council, a provincial Crown corporation formed by the Government of B.C. in 1990 to administer the First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Program. B.C. is the only province in Canada that has established a Crown corporation that leads First Nations heritage, language, and culture and arts initiatives. For more information about FPCC, visit their website at www.fpcc.ca.

Ministry Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures

The Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconcilation 's goals are to help government achieve the following three commitments to British Columbians:

- The first commitment is to make life more affordable. British Columbians are counting on government to make their lives easier by containing costs and service fees.

- The second commitment is to deliver the services that people count on. Government services touch the lives of British Columbians every day, and there is so much more that we can – and must – do to provide these services where and when people need them. Additionally, in many cases, critical programs and services are delivered by Crown corporations, and our Ministry will work with Board Chairs to improve levels of service to citizens.

- The third commitment is to build a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone. Our government believes that all ministries and public sector organizations have a

[1] Recognizing that Canada's Indigenous population is distinct and diverse and identities are defined by language, the ministry name has changed to reflect "Indigenous" in its title. The federal *Constitution Act* recognizes the Aboriginal peoples of Canada as the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada. "First Nation" is the generally preferred term for Indian peoples of Canada. The term Indigenous as used throughout this document includes all people of Indigenous ancestry, including First Nations, Métis and Inuit. The term communities means the diversity of Indigenous communities as defined by Indigenous people and includes descriptions such as urban, rural, metropolitan, land-based and reserve. The Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation works with all Indigenous peoples wherever they may live in British Columbia.

role to play in supporting broad-based economic growth, developing poverty reduction strategies, and helping create good-paying jobs in every region of the province.

Integrating with these priorities is government's commitment to true, lasting reconciliation with First Nations in British Columbia, as we move towards fully adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Beyond our work in supporting these commitments, the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation has been tasked in the mandate letter to achieve the following specific objectives and performance targets:

- Work collaboratively and respectfully with First Nations to establish a clear, cross-government vision of reconciliation to guide the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, and the Tsilhqot'in Supreme Court decision.

- In partnership with First Nations, transform the treaty process so it respects case law and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

- Support Indigenous communities seeking to revitalize connections to their languages.

- Provide reliable, dedicated funding and support for Friendship Centres.

- With the Minister of Finance, negotiate with First Nations leadership and communities around expanding opportunities for their share of B.C.'s gaming industry.

Our Ministry will continue to develop specific objectives and performance measures for inclusion in our 2018/19 Service Plan, which will be released with *Budget 2018*.

Resource Summary

Core Business Area	2016/17 Restated Estimates[1]	2017/18 Estimates	2018/19 Plan	2019/20 Plan
Operating Expenses ($000)				
Negotations & Regional Operations	14,097	14,184	14,291	14,291
Strategic Parternships & Initiatives Divison	19,687	21,360	20,930	20,202
Executive & Support Services	5,427	5,346	5,174	4,885
Treaty & Other Agreements Funding	41,949	41,002	41,079	41,422
First Citizens Fund	1,650	1,850	1,850	1,850
First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund	2,962	7,222	7,945	7,874
Total	85,772	90,964	91,269	90,524
Ministry Capital Expenditures (Consolidated Revenue Fund) ($000)				
Executive & Support Services	1	5,341	1	1
Total	1	5,341	1	1

[1]For comparative purposes, amounts shown for 2016/17 have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the 2017/18 Estimates.

*Further information on program funding and vote recoveries is available in the Estimates and Supplement to the Estimates."

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Appendix B: Hyperlinks to Additional Information

BC Treaty Commission
www.bctreaty.net/index.php

First Peoples' Cultural Council
www.fphlcc.ca/

A list of statutes that fall under the responsibility of the ministry can be found at:
http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/amr/amr/1712999503